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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING POST OFFICE PROTOCOL 3
SUPPORT FOR LIMITED STORAGE DEVICES

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for managing electronic mail messages from a post office protocol 3 server. Header information for electronic messages is retrieved on the post office protocol 3 server to form retrieved header information. An attribute file is updated in which the attribute file includes an indication of whether an electronic mail message has been read. The attribute file contains attributes on a per message basis in a preferred embodiment of the present invention. A mail list is presented on a display using the retrieved header information and the attribute file. Responsive to a selection of an electronic mail message from the mail list, the electronic mail message is retrieved and presented.